

State of California DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT – FORM 631

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TYPE OF APPOINTMENT T	HAT YOU WILL ACCEPT (Mark Only On	<u>e)</u>
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C55 - Permanent or Te	mporary – full time only	
M44 - Permanent or Te	emporary – part time or intermittent only	
D58 - Permanent only	– full time only	
K85 - Temporary only	– full time only	
R41 - Permanent -	part time or intermittent OR Temporary	/ – full time, part time

PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROMPTLY OF ANY CHANGES IN YOUR ADDRESS OR AVAILABILITY FOR EMPLOYMENT.

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FOR OPEN EXAMS

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Office of Examination and Special Programs wants to know how you found out about our organization, and what led you to choose Caltrans as your employer. Please take a moment to answer the following questions:

 How did you hear of this examina 	tion? (Please Check all that apply)	
☐ Internet	☐ Newspaper	
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□ Caltrans Site	☐ Magazine	(please specify)
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☐ State Personnel Board Site	□ College Job Fair _	(please specify)
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☐ Other	General Job Fair	(nlease specify)
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2. What is your reason for considering	ng Caltrans as a future employer? (Plea	ase Check all that apply)
	ion — — — — — —	☐ Benefits
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☐ Career Opportunitie	es \square Heard it was a great pla	ice to work
	☐ Other	
	☐ Other(please specify)	
We would like to thank you for partic	cipating in this survey, your input is ver	ry important to us.
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PEOPLE WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE	GENDER, CREED, COLOR, RELIGION, NA	ATIONAL OR ETHNIC
ORIGIN, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, SE	EXUAL ORIENTATION, DISABILITY OR ME	DICAL CONDITION.
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Examination Title: LEGAL SECRETARY	Y Date: _	

Legal Secretary

Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Training and Experience Questionnaire

The California civil service selection system is merit-based and eligibility for appointment is established through a formal examination process. The Legal Secretary examination consists of a Supplemental Application used to evaluate your education, training and experience.

This Supplemental Application, consisting of a Training and Experience Questionnaire, is a scored component accounting for 100% of your rating in this examination. It is important to complete the questionnaire carefully and accurately. Your responses are subject to verification before appointment to a position.

In the following pages you will self rate your knowledge of specific job related actions using the rating scales below.

Respond to each of the following statements by indicating how the statement applies to you. You are required to respond to every statement by marking one option from the scale provided.

Important:Note: In:responding:to:each:statement; you:may:refer:to:your:WORK
EXPERIENCE (public:or:private) whether paid of volunteer, FORMAL EDUCATION, or
FORMAL TRAINING COURSES.

Knowledge related to performing this action:

Extensive knowledge

I possess an expert knowledge level to the extent that I could effectively perform this task in the most difficult and complex situations; and I could instruct others on specific aspects of this task.

Substantial knowledge

I possess an advanced knowledge level to the extent that I could effectively perform this task under the majority of circumstances or situations encountered

Moderate knowledge

I possess a sufficient knowledge level that would allow me to perform this task successfully.

Limited knowledge

I have some knowledge of how to perform this task, but may require additional instruction to apply my knowledge effectively.

No knowledge

I have no knowledge of how to perform this task or what it may entail.

1. Cite-checking attorney prepared filings to ensure all citations are correct and are properly indexed
with page numbers, etc.
Knowledge related to performing this action:
Extensive Knowledge
Substantial Knowledge
Moderate Knowledge
Limited Knowledge
No Knowledge
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2. Assisting attorneys in gathering information (e.g., employment, medical) from various entities
(e.g., copy services, in-house investigators, district claims office, opposing counsel) to respond to
requests that may be used as exhibits.
Knowledge related to performing this action:
Extensive Knowledge
Substantial Knowledge
Moderate Knowledge
Limited Knowledge
No Knowledge

3. Researching local rules on the internet for the filing requirements of each county.
Knowledge related to performing this action:
Extensive Knowledge
Substantial Knowledge
Moderate Knowledge
Limited Knowledge
No Knowledge
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4. Checking court websites for tentative rulings to bring up dockets/case histories and all
information pertinent to a particular court.
Knowledge related to performing this action:
Extensive Knowledge
Substantial Knowledge
Moderate Knowledge
Limited Knowledge
No Knowledge
5. Preparing indexes for case files to organize various materials (e.g., pleadings, discovery requests,
responses) to provide a quick reference.
Knowledge related to performing this action:
Extensive Knowledge
Substantial Knowledge
Moderate Knowledge
Limited Knowledge
No Knowledge
6. Preparing labels for legal files with case name, case number, and name of documents (e.g.,
pleading, correspondence, discovery) to distinguish between the different file types.
Knowledge related to performing this action:
Extensive Knowledge
Substantial Knowledge
Moderate Knowledge
Limited Knowledge
No Knowledge
7. Maintaining case information sheets (e.g., court information, opposing counsel, parties, addresses,
phone numbers) to ensure information is kept current.
Knowledge related to performing this action:
Extensive Knowledge
Substantial Knowledge
Moderate Knowledge
Limited Knowledge
No Knowledge

	ng electronic case files on the computer with pertinent sub folders to organize types of
	ts prepared for each case.
	ge related to performing this action:
	Extensive Knowledge
	Substantial Knowledge
	Moderate Knowledge
	Limited Knowledge
	No Knowledge
9. Filing	documents (e.g., responses to discovery, pleadings, correspondence, subpoenas) in case
	pronological order.
Knowledg	ge related to performing this action:
	Extensive Knowledge
	Substantial Knowledge
	Moderate Knowledge
	Limited Knowledge
	No Knowledge
10. Intera	acting with courts, administrative agencies, governmental entities, co-counsels, opposing
counsels.	or witnesses as directed by the attorney ensuring deadlines are met, to set hearing dates or
check on	
	ge related to performing this action:
	Extensive Knowledge
	Substantial Knowledge
	Moderate Knowledge
	Limited Knowledge
	No Knowledge
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11 Sched	fuling depositions with opposing counsel, and arranging various necessities (e.g., court
	interpreter, videographer, deposition room, required fees).
	ge related to performing this action:
	Extensive Knowledge
	Substantial Knowledge
	Moderate Knowledge
	Limited Knowledge
	No Knowledge
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	fuling and making appointments (e.g., booking rooms, email invitations, acquiring parking
· ,	on behalf of attorneys.
	ge related to performing this action:
	Extensive Knowledge
	Substantial Knowledge .
	Moderate Knowledge
	Limited Knowledge
	No Knowledge

1	ng receptionist and/or executive assistant desk as required (e.g., transferring calls,
	calls, intercom paging, greeting visitors, accepting service of process).
Knowledge	e related to performing this action:
E	Extensive Knowledge
S	Substantial Knowledge
V V	Moderate Knowledge
I	imited Knowledge
N	Vo Knowledge
14. Respon	nding to emails from various parties (e.g., opposing counsels, courts, vendors, attorneys).
Knowledge	e related to performing this action:
	Extensive Knowledge
S	Substantial Knowledge
N	Moderate Knowledge
	imited Knowledge
	No Knowledge
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15. Receiv	ring and responding to telephone calls from opposing counsels, courts, vendors, attorneys.
	e related to performing this action:
	Extensive Knowledge
	Substantial Knowledge
	Moderate Knowledge
	imited Knowledge
	No Knowledge
16. Proof-1	reading documents (letters, legal pleadings, memorandums, emails) to ensure proper
	spelling and punctuation.
	e related to performing this action:
	Extensive Knowledge
	Substantial Knowledge
	Moderate Knowledge
	imited Knowledge
	No Knowledge
17 Servin	g legal correspondence to clients, witnesses, court officials, opposing counsel, district
	etc. via fax, overnight service, U.S. mail, or arrange for personal delivery.
	e related to performing this action:
	Extensive Knowledge
	Substantial Knowledge
	Moderate Knowledge
	imited Knowledge
	No Knowledge
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	ng timelines for projects or proceedings in accordance with each type of law.
Knowledge 1	related to performing this action:
Ex	tensive Knowledge
Sul	bstantial Knowledge
Mo	oderate Knowledge
Lir	mited Knowledge
	Knowledge
19. Respond	ling to phone inquiries to provide appropriate documents when requested.
	related to performing this action:
	tensive Knowledge
	bstantial Knowledge
	oderate Knowledge
	mited Knowledge
	Knowledge
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agency serv	
	related to performing this action:
	tensive Knowledge
	bstantial Knowledge
<u></u>	oderate Knowledge
	mited Knowledge
No	Knowledge
21. Filing at	nd serving legal pleadings (by hardcopy or electronically) in multiple jurisdictions,
	tate, Federal, and appellate courts or Office of Administrative Hearings.
	related to performing this action:
	tensive Knowledge
Su	bstantial Knowledge
Mo	oderate Knowledge
Liı	mited Knowledge
No	Knowledge
22. Typing	legal documents (e.g., pleadings, correspondence) to give to attorneys for review and/or
changes.	
	related to performing this action:
	tensive Knowledge
	bstantial Knowledge
	oderate Knowledge
	mited Knowledge
	o Knowledge
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23. Transcribing information from hand written documents, dictation machine, or electronic notes
into the proper computer format for preparation of legal documents or correspondence, etc.
Knowledge related to performing this action:
Extensive Knowledge
Substantial Knowledge ,
Moderate Knowledge
Limited Knowledge
No Knowledge
24. Preparing legal petitions, briefs, motions, depositions, and various legal documents and Judicial
Council forms in a timely manner.
Knowledge related to performing this action:
Extensive Knowledge
Substantial Knowledge
Moderate Knowledge
Limited Knowledge
No Knowledge
25. Drafting cover letters for court or administrative agency (e.g., OAH, SPB) filings.
Knowledge related to performing this action:
Extensive Knowledge
Substantial Knowledge
Moderate Knowledge
Limited Knowledge
No Knowledge
26. Composing letters independently to communicate with opposing counsel, courts, district
employees etc. regarding legal cases.
Knowledge related to performing this action:
Extensive Knowledge .
Substantial Knowledge
Moderate Knowledge
Limited Knowledge
No Knowledge
27. Typing requests and/or responses to discovery (e.g., interrogatories, request for production, and
admissions).
Knowledge related to performing this action:
Extensive Knowledge
Substantial Knowledge
Moderate Knowledge
Limited Knowledge
No Knowledge
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In the following pages you will self rate your experience in specific job related actions, using the rating scales below.

Respond to each of the following statements by indicating how the statement applies to you. You are required to respond to every statement by marking one option from the scale provided.

Important Note: In responding to each statement, you may refer to your WORK EXPERIENCE (public or private) whether paid or volunteer, FORMAL EDUCATION, or FORMAL TRAINING COURSES:

Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience

I have extensive education, training, and/or experience using this knowledge, skill, or ability. I can effectively apply this knowledge, skill, or ability under the majority of circumstances or situations.

Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience

I have moderate education, training, and/or experience using this knowledge, skill, or ability and/or have moderate experience applying this knowledge, skill, or ability.

Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience

I have limited education, training, and/or experience using this knowledge, skill, or ability and/or have limited experience applying this knowledge, skill, or ability. However, I have not applied it in an actual job.

No Education, Training, and/or Experience

I have no education, training, and/or experience relevant to this knowledge, skill, or ability.

28. Abili	ty to type at a rate of 45 words per minute and accurately transcribe difficult dictation
involving	g a variety of legal terms from a dictating machine.
	Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
	Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
	Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
	No Education, Training, and/or Experience
29. Abili	ty to summarize written information of a complex and technical nature into a clear and
concise s	ingle document.
	Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
	Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
	Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
	No Education, Training, and/or Experience
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30. Abili	ty to work efficiently to complete "rush" or urgent projects while maintaining a high
	vork product.
	Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
	Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
	Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
	No Education, Training, and/or Experience

31. Ability to manage multiple cases while tracking deadlines and case requirements.
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
No Education, Training, and/or Experience
32. Skill to operate a personal computer in order to perform daily secretarial duties.
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
No Education, Training, and/or Experience
33. Knowledge of basic database software (e.g., Lincs, Abacus, Microsoft Access) functions to track
subpoenas, cases, dockets etc.
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
No Education, Training, and/or Experience
34. Knowledge of word processing software (e.g., Word, Legal Solutions, etc.) to create, format, and
edit documents.
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
No Education, Training, and/or Experience
35. Ability to operate scanner to transfer printed material into electronic format.
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
No Education, Training, and/or Experience
36. Ability to operate copy machine to reproduce documents.
36. Ability to operate copy machine to reproduce documents. Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience

37. Kno	wledge of the judicial process to effectively interact with and understand the requests of the
attorney	
	Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
	Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
	Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
	No Education, Training, and/or Experience
38. Kno	wledge of how to prepare a large variety of legal forms and documents (internal memos,
	ies of facts, narrative reports, etc.) for filing and service.
	Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
****	Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
	Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
	No Education, Training, and/or Experience
39. Wnt	king knowledge of deadlines for filing legal documents with courts.
33. 1101	Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
	Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
	Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
	No Education, Training, and/or Experience
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	iefs, motions, pleadings), including how to apply rules regarding content, citations, order of ation, formatting, and page limitations. Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
	Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
	No Education, Training, and/or Experience = 0
41. Knc	owledge of proper filing techniques to create and maintain an organized series of necessary
files of	varying types to store and retrieve hardcopy/electronic information.
	Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
***	Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
	Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
	No Education, Training, and/or Experience
12 Knc	owledge of legal process related to filing pleadings and other legal documents in state,
federal	and appellate courts and administrative law forums (e.g., Office of Administrative
Hearing	
	Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
	Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
	Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
	No Education, Training, and/or Experience
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43. Ability to maintain strict confidentiality of important information in order to be in compliance
with the Information Practices Act.
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
No Education, Training, and/or Experience
44. Knowledge of proper format of State and Federal citations.
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
No Education, Training, and/or Experience
45. Knowledge of legal terminology reflected in pleadings, briefs, interrogatories, and other
documents.
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
No Education, Training, and/or Experience
46. Knowledge of legal concepts, principles, and procedures necessary to understand statutory
requirements.
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
No Education, Training, and/or Experience

47. Knowledge of the use of legal resources from traditional library references and software
applications.
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
No Education, Training, and/or Experience
48. Knowledge of legal procedures and practices.
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience
Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience
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49. Ability to recognize and identify various legal documents to categorize in an appropriate filing		
sequence.		
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience		
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience		
Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience		
No Education, Training, and/or Experience		
50. Ability to review, edit and evaluate written documents for accuracy and completeness to produce		
quality products.		
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience		
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience		
Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience		
No Education, Training, and/or Experience		
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51. Ability to perform basic mathematical functions such as addition, subtraction, multiplication,		
and division.		
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience		
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience		
Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience		
No Education, Training, and/or Experience		
52. Knowledge of internet search functions to locate information such as court decisions and		
relevant federal and state statutes.		
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience		
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience		
Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience		
No Education, Training, and/or Experience		
53. Ability to read and understand dockets for retrieval of documents from court files.		
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience		
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience		
Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience		
No Education, Training, and/or Experience		
54. Knowledge of proper spelling, grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure of the English		
language to ensure that prepared and/or reviewed written materials are complete, and free of writing		
errors.		
Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience		
Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience		
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Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience		

55. Ability to accurately transcribe information from various sources (e.g., handwritten drafts,		
dictation machine) to relay information to attorneys and/or other parties.		
	Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience	
]	Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience	
]	Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience	
	No Education, Training, and/or Experience	
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56. Abilit	y to understand oral instructions containing complex and technical information.	
	Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience	
]	Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience	
]	Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience	
	No Education, Training, and/or Experience	
57. Knowledge of how to prepare clear and effective formal correspondence.		
	Extensive Education, Training, and/or Experience	
	Moderate Education, Training, and/or Experience	
	Minimal Education, Training, and/or Experience	
	No Education, Training, and/or Experience	

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